

Editorial

The 10th Anniversary of Recent Setbacks in Conservation

The genesis of this venerable institution was in the early 80s when IIC-CG attempted to plan a session entitled *Recent Setbacks in Conservation*. At that time few, if any, were brave enough to present the results of their recent setbacks. But the spiritual fathers of this journal with their great vision believed that one day people around the world would find, in these topics, the quintessence of the conservation.

"... I am sure you would agree readily once you have turned its pages, by no means the last, or indeed the least, issue of this landmark journal - a journal which is, and I am told will continue to be, of key concern, in a critical fashion, not only to conservators but to others in the museum field, and indeed others against outside the discipline ..."

The above small sentence fragment is quoted from the very first editorial by Hugh Janus, the first editor of *RSC*. In 1985 the journal was born (silence please), but instead of slapping the baby, the doctor slapped Hugh. It brought tears to my eyes (And to his too!).

Ten years later the journal is produced every two years. We must admit that we had tried to publish every year but, like other conservation journals, this is not always possible. A few years ago we asked the committee of *Studies* to get together and jointly publish a journal. Curiously, we didn't receive any response from them. To conclude, some friends of *RSC* sent to us a few words for the occasion of the 10th anniversary and we would like to share some of them with you:

"With RSC, I greatly increase my technical knowledge and awareness of conservation issues, so I can discuss them intelligently with conservators who may have specific concerns."

Ruth Less, Curator
Less Museum,
More, Ohio, USA, Canada

"RSC really helped me help my people understand that stupidity is a real concern, not an imaginary one. I was able to use several articles as background information when treatment was being considered."

Pierrette Tremblay
Centre de conservation des bleuets
Lac St-Jean, Québec

"It is a sad day when irresponsible and childish persons can deride and humiliate our fine profession without apparent approbation. I do not know how many other complaining letters you may have received, but I am sure that many other mature and professional conservators feel as I do."

R.L. Barclay
Apostolic Delegate to the Conservation Profession

"...puzzled by the hilarity of your colleagues faces.."

Pauline Mohr,
WAAC Newsletter,
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End of editorial.

Hugh Junior Janus